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Marginal Column

By Richard Lossenthal

WITHIN one week, the cause of the European Army advanced by two great visible steps: the German Bundestag voted for ratification of the European Defence Community Treaty by an impressive majority, and the expert negotiators of the six Powers in Paris have, suddenly and unexpectedly, reached agreement on the French demands for "supplementary protocols" to interpret the treaty. Moreover, spokesmen of Dr. Adenauer's Government have already announced that his approval of the agreement is certain, while the French Prime Minister, Rene Mayer, showed himself so anxious to take the agreed text to Washington that he could not possibly repudiate it now. In fact, the visit of the French statesman to President Eisenhower, and a similar visit this week by Dr. Adenauer, have been powerful factors in speeding the solution of seemingly insoluble problems. But for this very reason, the onlooker may be forgiven for asking whether the problems have been really solved or merely wrapped up in diplomatic verbiage — whether the agreement is real or only apparent.

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TO begin with, the French remain tied to the precise figures and time scheduled for the divisions they are to furnish that had been laid down in the secret military annexe to the original treaty. The withdrawal of units from EDC for overseas service remains dependent on the consent of the Supreme Commander of NATO; all that France's partners have conceded is that in the event of a crisis in French overseas possessions they will unanimously support a request for such withdrawal, provided it is compatible with security in Europe. In the same way, French armament production will remain subject to EDC licence, like that of all other member States, but the commissariat will be instructed to grant all licences required for arming the overseas forces. In the second place, the French Defence Ministry has won the right to switch its cadres from the national overseas forces to EDC and back pretty much as it pleases. It may also send national officers to the European training schools, and the commissariat will have to cooperate with the national personnel on matters of promotion and making their careers worthwhile. But the idea that French forces in Germany should enjoy a privileged status like the British and Americans has been rejected as introducing discrimination between the EDC countries. Instead a general statute for EDC forces serving in another member state of EDC is to be worked out by a special committee. As for the distribution of United States aid, it has been recognized that it will depend primarily on the Americans, and EDC will start negotiations on the subject with them.

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THIS agreement is probably the best that could be produced in all the circumstances — an attempt to assure the French that the "unity and integrity" of the French Army is being preserved while avoiding discrimination against the Germans. As such, it has been accepted by all — but it does not solve the dilemma of the French. It will enable the French Government to go before the National Assembly, claiming to have achieved the most favourable interpretation that was possible without changing the text of the treaty. But it will not convince those Frenchmen who, fearing that a rearmed Germany is bound to become the strongest force in Western Europe, with or without European integration, conclude that in the circumstances there is no sense in sacrificing French sovereignty over all French forces. For that reason it leaves the crucial question of approval of the treaty by the French Parliament as uncertain as before.

Bonn, April 1.

SELO SHISHAKLY PROMOTED IN RANK

DAMASCUS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Colonel Fawzi Selo, Prime Minister and Head of the State, was yesterday promoted to Major-General. Lieutenant-Colonel Adib Shishakly, Deputy Prime Minister and Chief of Staff of the Syrian Army, was promoted to full Colonel. The promotions take effect from May.

PERSIAN OIL

PORT SAID, Wednesday (AP). — The Italian tanker, Alba, arrived here today with a cargo of Iranian oil.

The Alba, which loaded the oil at Bandar Shahpur, was to proceed to Italy later today.

24 Mau Mau Slain In Kenya Running Battle

NAIROBI, Wednesday. — In a running battle near the scene of last week's massacre, troops of the King's African Rifles today struck the biggest blow yet at Mau Mau terrorists, killing 24 and capturing 36. The battle was in the forest area north of Uplands, a part of the Kiambu reserve near here.

Among the dead, was a notorious Mau Mau oath administrator, N'jonjo, who had been hunted for many weeks. He was found dressed in women's clothes.

The action began when a platoon of the battalion saw Kikuyu women carrying food into the forest. Supported by Kikuyu home guards, who acted as trackers and guides, the troops then encountered the gang, which was well over 100 strong.

In the Commons in London last night, Labour Members severely attacked the Government's handling of the Kenya terrorism, particularly with reference to last Thursday's massacre of more than 120 loyal natives. One member called this "the most shocking event in the history of the Commonwealth and Empire."

Blames 'Whites'

Mr. R. T. Paget, who had called for the debate, said that responsibility for the troubles "would appear to lie firstly upon the 'white' settlers. They have failed to secure the loyalty of their servants and tenants. For a governing class, failure to secure that loyalty is a formidable indictment against that class."

Colonial Secretary Oliver Lyttleton replied that Mr. Paget's speech was "malicious and mischievous." "We are going to get this terror down and restore peace," he said. "Not with the object of one race or another dominating the situation, but in order that Kenya may be built up by all races to a prosperous and peaceful future."

(AP, UP)

FRENCH SOLDIER SHOT IN TUNISIA

TUNIS, Wednesday (Reuter).— A French soldier was wounded in the leg when shots were fired at an army lorry 12 miles south of Gafsa in southern Tunisia yesterday.

The attack occurred in the region where several clashes between troops and armed outlaws have been reported recently.

Egypt Promised Boat Back Today

Egyptian delegates of the Israel-Egyptian MAC were informed yesterday that the s.s. Samir, impounded in Israel waters more than two months ago, is to be returned to the Egyptian authorities today, according to an ANA report.

Egypt yesterday charged Israel with violating the Armistice Agreement by halting the ship and jailing the crew. Ahmed Galal ed-din Razek, Egypt's permanent U.N. representative, made the charge in a letter to Secretary General Trygve Lie and asked him to distribute copies to all U.N. members.

According to a U.P. report, Abdel Razek said that the Egyptian boat "was attacked by an Israeli armed boat outside the territorial waters of Israel," while returning from Beirut with flour and soap destined for Arab refugees. Mr. Lie was asked to "intervene" in the matter as he might "deem proper."

Egypt Ready to Open Evacuation Talks

CAIRO, Wednesday. — Major Salah Salem member of Egypt's Revolutionary Council, told reporters here today that Egypt "is ready to start negotiations for complete and unconditional evacuation of the Suez Canal zone by British forces at any time."

He made the statement when asked whether it was Egypt's intention not to begin evacuation talks unless Britain carried out the agreement on the Sudan in the letter and spirit.

Major Salem added: "Evacuation is Egypt's incontrovertible thought and should be carried out at the earliest opportunity. The Sudan agreement should be carried out in such a way as to ensure the liberty and independence of the Sudanese. Each of these two issues should be considered on its own merits."

Fuad Galal, Minister of National Guidance, said last night that Egypt had no further use for ex-King Farouk nor for his infant son Fuad II. As far as the Government was concerned, Galal said, both the former and the present king could remain in Italy indefinitely or go anywhere they chose outside Egypt.

(Reuter, UP)

Cyprus Parcel Ban Eased Until June

POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Wednesday. — Cyprus supplies authorities decided today that food parcels containing certain items will be allowed to be exported to Israel by traders between now and June 24 next.

This is the first concession made by the authorities since the parcel export ban was announced in January and enforced a week ago.

Allowable exports during this "period of grace" now announced are all kinds of kasher meat, tinned beef, sausages, bacon, ox tongue, luncheon tongue, lamb tongue, butter concentrates and local dried fruits.

An official source told your correspondent that the measure was intended to assist traders in facing heavy commitments which they contracted before the ban was announced.

Asked to comment on circulars being distributed in Israel by Cyprus exporters to the effect that the ban had been withdrawn, officials stated that there was no question of the ban being lifted. It will be fully enforced after June 24.

(Boycott Report — Page 5)

Locusts Leave

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The locust swarms which descended in several places in the South about a fortnight ago, have now disappeared completely, a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture told *The POST* today.

The Plant Protection Department of the Ministry thinks that the danger of an invasion this year has declined, and if there are no locusts this month there will be none all year.

Naumann Neo-Nazis Handed Over to Bonn Authorities

BONN, Wednesday (Reuter). — The British authorities today handed over to the Germans Werner Naumann and four other ex-Nazis they had arrested in January on suspicion of plotting to regain power in Germany, a British High Commission spokesman said.

The four others are Paul Zimmermann, Heinrich Haselmayer, Heinz Siepen and Karl Scharping, all former Nazi officials.

They are expected to appear before a German judge within the next 48 hours on a charge of plotting to endanger the security of the State.

They were handed over to German policemen at the British war criminals prison in Werl, Westphalia, where they had been held *incommunicado* since their arrest.

Two more ex-Nazi officials who were arrested with the Naumann group had already been let out of Werl prison. They are Dr. Gustav Scheel, former Nazi student leader who was handed over to the German authorities last Saturday and is now held at Karlsruhe, and Karl Kaufmann ex-Gauleiter of Hamburg.

Kaufmann, though technically free, was understood to be still in the British military hospital at Iserlohn, in the Ruhr, where he was sent from Werl a few weeks ago. He had been in poor health ever since a car accident some years ago and was reported to have suffered a stroke last week.

Scheel is being held on a warrant issued by the West German Federal prosecutor at Karlsruhe in connection with the planning of the extreme right-wing "Freikorps Deutschland" by the West German Government last February.

In London today, the (Fascist) British Union, on behalf of Sir Oswald Mosley denied a report that he had helped finance the Naumann group. West German Chancellor Adenauer said yesterday that the group had received funds from persons abroad including the British Fascist leader.

Adenauer on Way To United States

BONN, Wednesday (Reuter).— West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer left here by an American Air Force plane today for Le Havre the first lap of his trip to the U.S. and Canada.

The trip is his first to a country outside Europe and the first any German Chancellor has made to the U.S. during his term of office.

Adenauer told reporters at the airport that he would reopen negotiations with the French on the future of the Saar in May.

He is due to sail from Le Havre shortly after midnight tonight aboard the liner United States due in New York next Monday.

HAMBURG PAYS VICTIMS OF NAZIS 4m. MARKS

HAMBURG, Wednesday (INA). — The Hamburg City Council has passed a bill for the payment in the coming fiscal year of 4.25m. marks to indemnify victims of the Nazis in the Hamburg area. An estimated 6m. marks is expected to be paid during the next ten years.

Hammarskjoeld Approved, 10-0, In Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday. — The Security Council has agreed to recommend Mr. Dag Hammarskjoeld (pronounced Dag Hah-Mar-Shold) of Sweden to the General Assembly as U.N. Secretary General in succession to Mr. Trygve Lie.

The announcement was made after a two-and-a-half hour meeting of the Council called hurriedly after the Big Five had reached agreement on the appointment which had been put forward by France.

(Mr. Hammarskjoeld, who is Sweden's Deputy Foreign Minister, said in Stockholm today that he had cabled the Security Council President accepting the nomination.)

The Council approved the recommendation by 10 votes to none with Nationalist China abstaining. It is believed that the General Assembly will vote on the appointment early next week.

Immediately after the Security Council vote, Mr. Lie said, "By agreeing upon the nomination of Mr. Dag Hammarskjoeld as Secretary-General the Security Council has reaffirmed the central role of the U.N. in the work for peace and understanding.

"If the General Assembly approves the nomination, which it certainly will do, I shall be able to lay down the heavy burdens of my office with a clear conscience knowing that a very able man with sound political, diplomatic and administrative experience will take over and carry on."

The anticipated appointment strengthens confidence in an East-West agreement. That Russia and America have agreed on the choice indicates that they are willing to have a neutral personage of standing ability who can act as go-between and mediator. There is also the feeling here that both East and West are intent on preserving and strengthening the U.N.

Dag Hammarskjoeld was acting Chairman of the Swedish delegation here until he returned home two weeks ago. He is a widely respected economist and international affairs specialist.

The 48-year-old Minister is described by friends in Stockholm as a tireless worker with few outside interests. He was at one time an assistant professor of political finance, and is regarded as the financial wizard of the Swedish Foreign Office. He was previously assistant Finance Minister.

He was born in Joenkoeping, Southern Sweden, the son of Hjalmar Hammarskjoeld, who was Premier from 1914-1917.

(Reuter, UP)

T.C.A. and Counterpart Funds Released

HAKIRIYA, Wednesday. — Nine technical aid agreements involving the release of $1,872,000 of T.C.A. funds and IL.15m. of counterpart funds were signed here today.

They covered agreements on programmes for mining appraisal and development works; public administration and Government services; vocational, educational and training services; health and sanitation; water works and development; transportation, communication and public works; agriculture and commerce and industry.

Signatories on behalf of Israel were Mr. Ehud Avriel, Director-General of the Finance Ministry, and representatives of the Ministries concerned, while the American signers were Mr. Bruce McDaniel, T.C.A. administrator and members of the mission, John Evans, Ray Stickney, Herbert Wolff, Miss Margarett Plunkett, Wilfort Karrer, Don Carrol, Joe Halstead and Abraham Fuchs.

Ben Gurion Hears Bernstein Report

TIBERIAS, Wednesday. — Dr. P. Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, saw the Prime Minister at the Galei Kinneret hotel for an hour at noon today.

The Minister reported to Mr. Ben Gurion on his recent visit to America.

Mr. Bernstein later conferred with the Director General of his Ministry, Dr. Shaul Lifshitz, who is also staying in Tiberias.

Haifa Municipal Radio Goes on Air

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Haifa Municipality went on the air over a local transmitter at noon today on a wave length of 294 metres. An address by the Mayor opened the broadcast, which lasted half an hour.

The station will broadcast again on Friday noon, and beginning next Tuesday will be heard between 6.30 and 7.00 p.m. daily giving news of the forthcoming Independence Day celebrations, municipal announcements and courtesy campaign publicity.

NO SPECIAL KNESSET MEMORIAL SESSION

The Government has decided not to request a special session of the Knesset on April 12. The "Yad V'Shem" Memorial Bill will be read for the first time at the opening session of the Knesset after the Passover recess.

Churchill Tells Cheering Commons Of Fresh Hopes to End Korean War

Molotov Backs Sino-Korean Offer

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov in a statement issued today said the Chinese and Korean proposals on the exchange of war prisoners in Korea was a definite step forward to a cessation of hostilities, Moscow Radio announced.

Mr. Molotov expressed the Soviet Government's readiness to collaborate fully in the realization of the proposals.

But the Soviet Foreign Minister stressed that it was his duty to remind everybody of the necessity of North Korea's and China's representation in the U.N. negotiations, and that the question of North Korean and Chinese representation in the U.N. was one which cannot be delayed.

He said that the proposals regarding the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners should lead to a smooth settlement of the entire problem of war prisoners and thereby to the achievement of an armistice in Korea, for which purpose it was proposed immediately to resume the negotiations in Panmunjom.

Expressing "full solidarity with this lofty act of the Chinese People's Republic and the Korean Democratic Republic," Mr. Molotov said that the Soviet Government "expresses confidence that these proposals will be correctly undertood by the U.S. Government."

He said the Chinese and North Koreans, guided by a desire to attain peace and end the war in Korea, have taken a new step towards the final settlement of this problem in a spirit of mutual compromise. "It goes without saying," Mr. Molotov declared, that the question of repatriating war prisoners as a whole must also be settled in conformity with the provisions of the Geneva Convention.

The Foreign Minister said that the subsequent Sino-Korean offer to repatriate, after the cessation of hostilities, all prisoners insisting on repatriation, and to turn over other prisoners to a neutral state with the object of ensuring a just solution regarding their repatriation, "makes it possible to settle in a just way" the remaining obstacles to a Korean armistice.

He said these proposals were entirely just.

The U.N. could do more to regards the cessation of the Korean war, he added, "if it had in its composition the lawful representatives of China and Korea," and the fact that these governments were not represented "undermines the authority of this organization and... deprives it of the possibility duly to promote the consolidation of international security and universal peace." Their inclusion in the U.N. would raise "the prestige and international significance of the U.N. and will strengthen world peace," he declared.

Mr. Molotov in conclusion recalled a speech made in 1951 by Mr. Jacob Malik, then chief Soviet delegate to the U.N., in which he proposed armistice talks on the basis of a cease-fire first and an armistice providing for the mutual withdrawal of the forces from the 38th parallel.

Pays Tribute to Eden's Foresight

LONDON, Wednesday (AP). — Prime Minister Churchill told a cheering Commons today that Communist China's latest proposals "seem to offer a new hope" for ending the Korean war. He said the new Chinese formula appears consistent with principles long held by Britain and the U.N. — that there should be no forceful repatriation of war prisoners.

"These developments, if not spoiled, certainly constitute a considerable event," he said. "They seem to offer a new hope for the solution of the prisoner of war difficulty and for a cessation of the fighting in Korea for which we and our Allies — this Government and the late one — have striven so earnestly and so long."

Mr. Churchill at the time apparently was unaware of Mr. Molotov's statement pledging Russia's support for the Chinese proposals. The British Premier said that Chou En-lai's latest statement "so far as we can judge does not run counter to the principle on which we have taken our stand on the prisoners of war question." This statement, he added, "seems to provide a basis on which the armistice negotiations can be usefully resumed."

Loud cheers greeted his remark.

Constructive Proposal

Mr. Churchill paid tribute to Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's "wisdom and foresight" in influencing Korean developments and for standing firm behind the principle that force should not be used to prevent or effect the return of prisoners. "The formula now suggested by the Chinese Prime Minister appears not inconsistent with these principles," Churchill declared. He said the Communists now appeared to have put forward a constructive counter proposal. Asked if he could name the "neutral state" proposed by China to handle prisoners not directly repatriated, he replied: "I think it would be a mistake for us to try and decide with particularization the neutral state which might be found agreeable to all parties."

The Prime Minister said Britain "welcomes" Russia's apparent desire for better East-West relations, but wants more evidence before proposing a Big Three conference. He made clear Britain will continue its cautious wait-and-see attitude towards Russia's latest "peace" overtures.

"We welcome what seems to be a desire recently on the part of the Soviet Government for an improvement in their relations with other countries," Mr. Churchill declared. "But I think it well to see how far progress is made on these lines before attempting a decision on more general talks." Replying to a question, he said Britain had made no proposals for any three-power talks.

China's Seat at U.N. Not a Condition

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuter). — The general feeling here both in Soviet and Western circles tonight was that the statement on Korea by Mr. Molotov was definitely most hopeful.

It was regarded as significant that while Molotov reminded the West that the question of Chinese Communist representation at the U.N. was urgent and would facilitate U.N. efforts to bring peace to the world he did not make this a condition for a Korean settlement.

Paris Views Soviet Stand Favourably

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — A Foreign Ministry spokesman said tonight that Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's statement on Korea represented "an important development which was being regarded very favourably by France."

Answering questions the spokesman said it was difficult to say whether the latest Soviet moves represented a fundamental change in Soviet objectives. It was quite possible, he added, that the present Russian policy constitued a skilful and diplomatic game to torpedo the European Army treaty and other moves towards strengthening the Western nations.

In reply to further questions the spokesman said the new Russian tactics would render ratification of the European Army treaty more difficult in the National Assembly.

The spokesman said the recent Chinese proposals were a "concrete move to lessen world tension" while the remaining developments of the "peace offensive" still had to be viewed as being "very tentative."

MAYER MEETS EBAN

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA). — French Premier Rene Mayer met Israel Ambassador Abba Eban while in Washington last week for an exchange of opinion on matters of common interest to their countries, it was learned here today.

Details of their talk are not known.

Moscow Statement Welcomed in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — A State Department spokesman said today that the U.S. welcomed the statement by Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov supporting the Chinese Communist moves to end the Korean war by solving the prisoner of war issue.

But the spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, added that the situation had not changed and the U.N. truce negotiators at Panmunjom were still awaiting specific details to implement the Communist proposals. Mr. Molotov's statement, he pointed out, was a restatement of what had already been said by the Chinese and North Korean Communists.

Referring to Molotov's suggestion that the Chinese Communists should be represented at the U.N. at any discussion on the Korean war, White said he did not interpret this as meaning the Soviet Union was laying down a new condition.

The spokesman angrily replied to an American reporter who asked if the U.S. would take the "initiative" in trying to solve European problems with the Soviet Union now that the Communists had taken the initiative in trying to solve the Korean deadlock."

White said it was "utter nonsense" to say that the Soviet Union was taking the initiative. He said that the West for years had been trying to solve the Korean war, the Austrian treaty impasse, the question of a divided Germany and other differences.

Liaison Officers Meet in Korea

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter).— Communist and U.N. liaison officers met at Panmunjom today to tune up the Korean truce talks machinery in readiness for the expected resumption of the conference.

The Allied spokesman said that today's meeting was requested by the U.N. to clarify the discrepancy in Communist reports on the location of camps holding Allied prisoners of war in North Korea.

Communist liaison officers answered the U.N. query, he said.

General Mark Clark, Supreme Allied Commander, said in reply to a reporter's question today that "you can be certain we do not want to do anything to hold up negotiations." The reporter had asked about the possibility of delays in resuming talks with the Communists. General Clark added that "our side is ready to go" in arranging an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners with the Communists.

General Clark announced that Rear Admiral John Daniel has been appointed head of the special liaison group to handle discussions on the repatriation of sick and wounded prisoners.

Secrecy Continues to Veil Anglo-Soviet Air Talks

BERLIN, Wednesday (Reuter). Soviet and British experts met for the second time here today to discuss air safety over East Germany.

A Soviet Air Vice Marshal and 17 high-ranking Soviet air officers and civilian aeronautical experts stepped out of seven cars and were greeted by British officials on the steps of the British High Commission headquarters.

Secrecy continues to surround the conference, the first East-West meeting in Berlin since 1951.

WALL STREET SHARES REGISTER DROP

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter).—Shares on Wall Street fell again today following the Communist peace moves in Korea. But the losses, ranging up to $2 a share, later brought some revival in buying interest and prices rallied partially.

Share values are reported to fluctuate by thousands of millions of dollars this week. Heavy industry shares, notably chemicals and aircraft, bore the brunt of today's selling.

The developments are also causing a partial slump in the Johannesburg stock exchange with shares other than gold mining dropping in total value by several million pounds sterling. Copper shares dropped this week by 7.5 per cent, manganese by a 9 per cent, tin by 5 per cent, antimony, diamond and platinum shares dropped up to 5 per cent.

BRITISH AND TITO AGREED ON 'ALL MAJOR ISSUES'

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). —Prime Minister Churchill said today that he and Foreign Secretary Eden saw "eye to eye" with Marshal Tito in all major aspects of international policy.

"We were agreed upon the continuing necessity to maintain our vigilance, to concert our defence efforts more closely and to avoid any act savouring of provocation," he said.

Mr. Churchill, who was reporting on Tito's recent visit added:

"We also agreed that there could be no question of thinking of a localized war in Europe.

"In view of the importance attached by the British Government to filling the last gap in the defences of South and South-East Europe, we specially welcomed the treaty concluded last month between Yugoslavia and her Greek and Turkish neighbours and were glad to learn of President Tito's firm wish to improve relations with Italy."

The Premier said that among other matters discussed was British economic aid to Yugoslavia.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Guatemalan Government has seized the assets of the American and British-owned International Railway of Central America in lieu of a disputed tax claim of $4.5m. It was disclosed yesterday. The attachment took place on March 31.

Easing in Tension Expected To Spread to Other Troubled Areas

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — The easing of international tension is now spreading to those commodity markets which, in recent years, have been buoyed up by rearmament demands. The fall in commodity prices which began here on Monday is continuing, especially in rubber and tin. Rubber has fallen to its lowest price for three years and tin showed at one time a drop of £30 a ton in two days. Other metals have also dropped back.

This price movement reflects a general expectation in informed circles that the Korean war will be wound up by early summer. There is some hesitation over prospects in Indo-China but the impression prevails that once a relaxation of tension sets in it will spread, at least for some years.

This belief is understood to have been expressed by Marshal Tito during his recent visit here. Most observers agree with his estimate of the new ruling group in Moscow as persons who lack Stalin's ability to keep the cold war going indefinitely without slipping into a real war.

It is therefore conjectured that there will be a genuine lessening of tension which may even spread to Germany. It is pointed out, however, that any real improvement in international relations will cause internal pressures in Russia in favour of meeting consumer demands and confirming the privileged position of managerial and technical classes by giving them security of tenure and something like the rule of law.

Whether the new Soviet regime is capable of introducing such changes without running into insuperable opposition appears doubtful.

Meanwhile, Jewish observers note a welcome lessening of the anti-Semitic campaign since Malenkov took over and some signs that it had been inspired by what is generally coming to be known as the Molotov faction.

This latter is now believed to have been linked to the Army. Whether this link still exists and could be made operative against the Malenkov-Beria-Kruschev group, which seems dominant at the moment, will depend, it is thought, on the regime's ability to convince its supporters that Washington is ready for a long-term agreement.

Signs that President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles would welcome such a move are therefore regarded with satisfaction in official quarters here.

A DELICIOUS MEAL...

Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi visited Mount Zion yesterday morning. They were accompanied by Mr. Moshe Shapira, Minister of Religious Affairs; Mr. Zalman Shazar, Member of the Jewish Agency Executive; Prof. B. Mazar, President of the Hebrew University; Dr. G. S. Wise, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University; Aluf Dinstein of Sochaer, Jerusalem District Commander; and members of the President's family.

Mrs. Vera Weizmann drove to the Dead Sea potash works yesterday by way of the new road.

Mr. & Mrs. William Heller, Mr. Harry C. Oppenheimer, and Mr. Ithiel Norman, of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, were received on Tuesday by the Prime Minister in Tiberias.

Mr. Camille Huysmans, former Mayor of Antwerp and a former Premier of Belgium, and his wife visited the Bet Mazo quarter near Rishon leZion yesterday.

Mr. Shlomo Har-Even, Galilee District Representative, has left for England on a UN scholarship for advanced study in administration. During his absence, his post will be filled by his Deputy, Mr. Yitzhak Wilderman.

Professor A. Lowe, Professor of Economics at the New School of Social Research, and former director of the Institute of World Politics, New York, has arrived in Israel at the invitation of the Hebrew University to serve as guest lecturer during the summer term.

A delegation of Sephardi Jews from France, composed of Rabbi Cassuto, Mr. L. Ettoualchwili, Mrs. Benahar, Mr. M. Meyer, Mr. M. Habib and Mr. S. Politi, have arrived in the country to participate in the planting of a wood in honour of Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel on April 8.

The President of World B'nai B'rith and Mrs. Frank Goldman left by air for New York on Tuesday after a brief visit.

Mr. Norbert Masur, a partner of the Hollander Concern and a leading Swedish Zionist, and Mrs. Masur have arrived from Stockholm for a prolonged stay in Israel.

Mrs. Germaine Pollack of Basle and Mrs. Dora Goldstein of London have arrived to take part in the session of the enlarged WIZO Executive scheduled to begin in Tel Aviv on April 28 (not on March 30 as reported in error).

Tel Aviv subscribers to the second series of the I.P.O.'s 6th subscription concerts should please note that their concert will take place on Saturday night at 7 p.m. instead of on Monday as previously announced. The I.P.O. Management apologizes for the change which is due to technical reasons.

On the same night the Festival Concert to mark the laying of the Orchestra Hall cornerstone will take place at the Ohel Shem Hall at 9.30 with Mehkli conducting.

INDEPENDENCE DAY BALL ON APRIL 16

The annual Independence-Day Ball of the Journalists' Association in Jerusalem will be held on Monday, April 19, at the Artists' House. The dance is included in the official Independence Day programme drawn up by the Government Committee sponsoring the festivities.

An original bill of entertainment is now being worked out by the Ball Committee, and it promises to be the highlight of this year's events in the capital, which will be ushered in on Sunday evening by an hour-long fire-works display.

Tickets are going on sale today and are strictly limited in number.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

ZION: The Green Wall.
REHOV: The Girl of the Golden West.
EDISON: Sierra.
ORION: High Noon.
ORNA: Flame of Araby.
STUDIO: Under Capricorn.
ZION: Hong Kong. (4.30 & 8.30 p.m.); 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.: Crossroads of Burma.
ZION: Monk of the Avenger.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 41.5, 31.3 & 422 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME
NEWS: Hebrew, 7 a.m., 7.45, 1.30, 6.15 & 11.30 p.m. Arabic Programmes (including News): 8 a.m., 1.15 & 6.15 p.m.
10.35 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 At the Opera (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner (R). 12.05 Programme for Housewife. 12.30 Concert Hall: Overture, "Egmont" (Beethoven); Symphony Concertante (Haydn); Symphony No. 5 (Schubert). 1.45 Break for Music. 3.30 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.45 Popular Instruments. 5.00 Musical Miniature. 5.10 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 "The Voice of the Violin." 7.30 "Where to Go" (Jerusalem). 7.35 Light Music (T.A.). 8.00 Press Conference. 8.20 Bible Reading. 8.45 Talk. 9.00 "Find Yourself" Orchestra. Conductor: Gershon Rosenberg. 9.45 Chamber Music. 10.15 Variety. 11.35 Close Down.
SECOND PROGRAMME
41m. 22m. 49.9 M.
English News: 1.45 p.m., 12.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.
3.00 p.m. Opera. 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.20 Polish Arts' Lesson. 5.50 Music (R). 6.05 Talk. 6.15 Close Down.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (31.3, 41.9 & 468 M.): French: 4.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. Newscast. 11.30 Here and There. 11.37 Musical Greetings.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.3, 31.6, 229 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Classical Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 "Discoveries & Inventions." 7.50 Songs. 8.20 Press Conference. 8.30 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C.: HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.32 & 30.51 M.): 6.35-7.30 p.m. News, News Talk, Curtain Up.
VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programmes: 6-8.30 (11, 16, 19 & 25 M.): This Week in New York.

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Opera in 4 acts by Bizet
Cast:
EDIS DE PHILIPPE
D. Heicota, A. Reich, J. Pollak, S. Allandorf, Dan Tuder, Z. Cohen, M. Savin, M. Kahalily, M. Hoch
Conductor: E. FRIED
Tickets: Bella 9 Allenby Rd., 1st Axle and at the Habimah box-office

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As from Saturday, April 11 and during the whole week.
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Senator McCarthy Takes A Hand at Treaty-Making

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (OFNS). — Senator McCarthy has announced that the Senate permanent investigating subcommittee, of which he is chairman, has concluded an agreement with the Greek owners of 242 merchant ships flying various flags, including British and Canadian, to break off all trade with North Korea, China, and the Far Eastern ports of Soviet Russia.

Senator McCarthy told a Press conference on Saturday that he had not informed the State Department since he did not want any interference with these negotiations. The agreement was made with the Greek shipowners' New York committee, and representatives of his Congressional committee were negotiating with the Greek shipowners' London committee for a similar agreement, which would extend it to a further 100 to 150 ships.

"Study of the last year's trade with Communist China shows only too vividly the failure of the State Department's negotiations to stop shipments into China. The United States finds itself in the ridiculous position of denying vessel transfers to the Soviet bloc countries while our allies charter their merchant carrying cargoes from one Communist port to another."

Challenge to Executive

This is one of the most astounding statements in recent American history, and constitutes a direct challenge to their authority which President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles cannot ignore. But it is impossible to deny that the Senator has hit on a device for publicising himself which will be politically popular just at a time when opposition to his witch-hunts was showing signs of increasing.

Mutual Security Director Harold Stassen on Monday accused Senator McCarthy of "undermining the work of executive agencies in trying to stop trade between the West and some Communist countries."

The State Department said on Monday that the Greek Government had already put into effect a new order prohibiting ships flying the Greek flag from calling at ports in Communist China or North Korea. The Greek Government decree, approved on March 23, was still subject to ratification by the Greek Parliament.

McCarthy's agreement has raised a constitutional question as to whether the conduct of foreign affairs is the prerogative of the President.

Assistant Secretary of Defence Frank Nash said here yesterday the Allied nations were not cooperating closely enough in reducing trade with Soviet Bloc countries and particularly Communist China.

He told McCarthy's Senate Subcommittee that his Department thought there should be:

1) A single American government agency to control the types of goods in such trade instead of having at least four different Government departments dealing with separate lists.

2) An expansion of international agreements to cover a wider range of strategic materials with tighter controls on shipments and services for the Soviet Bloc.

3) A modification of the battle act which bars American aid to nations sending strategic materials to the Communists. There would be greater flexibility of sanctions application.

He testified that the Greek shipowners with whom McCarthy had negotiated an agreement had carried much cargo to the Communists. "The Department of Defence is anxious to have every pressure brought to bear on this Greek controlled shipping," he said.

Nash confirmed statistics gathered by the subcommittee showing that in world trade about 78 million tons of goods were carried by sea for the free nations and only about two million tons to nations in the Soviet Bloc. He said this made it apparent that to remove any considerable number of ships from trade with the Communists would cause "a terrific strain" on their economy.

(Reuter)

McCarthy Group Causes U.S. Diplomat's Leaving

MUNICH, Wednesday (AP). — Mr. Charles W. Thayer, the American diplomat who ridiculed Communism in two best-selling books, has resigned from the State Department after a renewal of attacks on him by the McCarthy faction in Washington.

The 43-year-old U.S. Consul General at Munich voluntarily quit his 19-year-career in the Foreign Service and will devote his entire time to writing, the Consulate said today.

A close friend said that new demands from Senator Joseph McCarthy's group to make a public inquiry into Mr. Thayer's entire diplomatic past precipitated his decision. "I guess he decided the job wasn't worth being smeared," the friend said. "He can make a good living and be his own boss as a free lance writer." Mr. Thayer is an expert on the Soviet Union. His brother-in-law, Mr. Charles Bohlen, is drawing Senator McCarthy's fire as candidate for U.S. Ambassador to Moscow.

Secrecy for Nobel Peace Nominees

OSLO, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Norwegian Parliament's Nobel Committee, which annually awards the Nobel Peace Prize, has decided that in future the list of candidates proposed shall not be published.

Announcing this today the Committee's Chairman, Gunnar Jahn, said the Committee had decided to revert to the pre-war practice which is still observed by the Swedish institutions which award the other Nobel prizes.

After the war, the Committee started publishing official lists of peace prize candidates in an attempt to prevent the wild guessing about who had been proposed. But out of consideration for those on the list who did not get the award it has now been decided to discontinue publication.

GERMANS PLAN MOON ROCKET

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter) — "Reynolds News" reports that two Germans who helped to develop Hitler's V-2 weapon had designed a new rocket planned to fly at 28,100 kilometres an hour. The V2's travelled at 5,400 k.p.h.

The paper said that the men were Helmut Hoepper, a rocket designer, and K.B. Schonenberge, jet and fuel expert.

It said, "Germany is banned by treaty from engaging in rocket development but these two men have been able to carry on their work on paper.

"Recently their designs reached a state at which models were made of the rocket and of some of its working parts.

"It is worth recalling that the pre-war German Rocket Society, which had similar peaceful aims, was taken over by the German armed forces at the beginning of the war," the paper added.

RUSSO-BULGARIAN TRADE PROTOCOL

MOSCOW, Wednesday (Reuter). — The completion of a Soviet-Bulgarian 1953 protocol providing for a "considerable expansion" of trade was announced today.

Russia will send Bulgaria industrial equipment, farm machinery, cotton, oil products and rolled steel. In return Bulgaria will deliver mineral products, tobacco, meat, wine, fresh fruits and other consumer goods.

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Subscription Concert No. 8
The I.P.O. regrets that owing to unforeseen circumstances the following changes of dates have had to be introduced:
TEL AVIV:
Tonight — Workers' Series (without change)
Saturday, April 4 at 7 p.m. — SERIES 2 (and not on Monday, April 6, as previously announced)
Monday, April 6 — Series 3 (and not on April 7 as previously announced). Dates of the other series will be announced shortly.

Festival Concert
on the occasion of the laying of the Orchestra Hall Cornerstone.
TEL AVIV, "Ohel Shem"
Saturday, April 4, at 9.30 p.m., and NOT at 8.30 p.m.
Conductor:
PAUL KLETZKI
Symphony No. 40, G-minor — Mozart; Symphony No. 5, E-minor — Tschaikowsky
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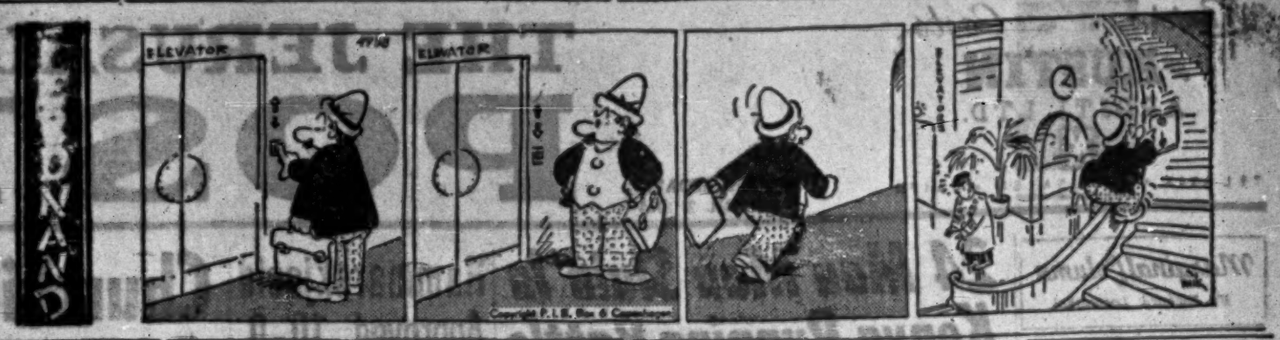

REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

New Peace Move at U.N. May Affect Israel and Mid-East

Several morning newspapers comment on the changing scene in international relations. "Davar" (Histadrut) says that as a result of the obstinate Communist stand agreement could not be reached on the problem of prisoners of war in Korea and thus on an armistice. When India proposed a compromise (probably not without Peking's knowledge and approval) Russia vetoed the offer and the war continued.

The paper hopes that in view of Moscow's present retreat and its expressed willingness to accept the compromise proposal an agreement will now be reached. But Communist acceptance after so many months of steadfast refusal to put an end to the war should not now be described as a "great humanitarian and peaceful act".

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) says that it is not unlikely that the rulers in the Kremlin have reached the conclusion that a further policy of aggression will yield no positive results (from Moscow's point of view) and that neither Moscow nor Peking will be able to exert the same measure of pressure on the West as in the past. This would mean at least a temporary easing of tension in the cold war.

Not Suitable for Israel

The paper believes, however, that the present moment is not suitable for voicing Israel's complaints against the anti-Jewish campaign behind the Iron Curtain.

Peace is indivisible, says "Haboker", and steps should be taken to end war in other regions of the world too. This includes the Middle East, though the conflict here is not between the West and the East, but of a different nature.

"Haboker" also notes the news item published in a local newspaper according to which Israel is to support Burma in its complaint against Nationalist China. The paper says that one reason for its opposition to such a move comes from the fact that the decision appears to have been taken by Mapai and not by the Government. Another reason is that Israel should not take such a stand, as Burma has not yet seen fit to establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

"Kol Ha'am" (Maki) publishes the protest by the "democratic women" of Haifa and by Mr. D. R. Elston (reprinted from "Ha'aretz") against the attempt to close the paper for ten days. The Communist daily also reprints an interesting article from Dr. Sneh's weekly in which a group of Maki sympathisers from Kibbutz Ein Shemer accuse their erstwhile ideological leader, Ya'akov Riftin, of having returned to the Zionist camp after having already discarded the very word Zionism a year ago.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) says in its editorial that the liquidation of unemployment is a most urgent necessity and demands that measures, such as regulating the import of raw materials for factories, developing agricultural settlement and giving the unemployed some advance payment on account of the work to be provided, should be taken at once to alleviate the situation.

"Herut" deals with the fifth anniversary of the occupation of Jaffa and says that the day will come when the liberators of Jaffa (who "saved Tel Aviv") will liberate the capital of Israel, which he has won.

Australian Olympics in Doubt

Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, made it plain last Thursday that he and the Organising Committee would like to know at once whether Melbourne is ready to be host to the 1956 Olympic Games or abandon its plans, according to an Associated Press report from Chicago.

Noting that the Australian Federal Government and the Victorian State Government have refused to help Melbourne in providing housing for the thousands of athletes, Brundage said that Melbourne should say right now if it can build its own housing facilities or must withdraw, its host offer. He noted that other cities — and he specifically named Rome — have shown interest if Melbourne withdraws.

Brundage said Melbourne has officially until April 17 to decide but noted that other cities willing to stage the event would like to know well in advance of that date. A decision will be made on April 17 at an International Committee meeting in Mexico City, but Brundage said "these cities would want an assurance that they had a chance of being hosts before assuming the considerable expense of sending delegations to Mexico City and preparing the necessary applications and the data.

Glimmer of Hope

Meanwhile the decision on the fate of the Games was again passed back to the Australian Federal Government on Wednesday when the Games Control Committee met in Melbourne and discussed the refusal of the Federal Cabinet to release the Albert Park Barracks as an "Olympic Village." Afterwards the Committee Chairman, Arthur Coles, told A.P.: "There is still a glimmer of hope." In reflecting the Albert Park suggestion, Prime Minister Menzies said his Government was willing to consider the finance of any other practicable scheme. "We have decided to ask the Prime Minister to clarify that statement," said Coles.

Coles reported that suggested housing schemes had "been sifted out" at the Committee meeting. "The Committee will also draw up a draft report to present to the Organising Committee," he said, which, if ratified, would be presented at the Mexico City meeting on April 17. "The report is a good one," Coles said. "Unfortunately it does not contain anything about the housing of the athletes." If that matter could be cleared up favourably and included in the report "it will be no good that it would be ridiculous to suggest Melbourne would have to surrender the Games," Coles declared.

HYPNOTISM HELPS YOUNG BOXER

George Adams, 17-year-old grocers' assistant with aspirations to win the world welterweight boxing title, takes hypnotic treatment before his fights. He had one Sunday and last Monday night scored a third round technical knock-out victory over a hefty youngster, Peter Lowe, of Leamington, the hometown of Randy Turpin, ex-middleweight world champion. This was Adams' sixth professional fight, all of which he has won.

Multi-Million Claim Filed in Haifa

POST Legal Correspondent

An action which allegedly involves millions of pounds was filed recently in the Haifa District Court by Mr. Low Beylin, of New York, against his uncle, Mr. Michael Polak, of Haifa, former owner of the Nesher cement works.

The plaintiff pleads that he is entitled to part of the income derived by Mr. Polak from the G.A. Polak & Sons partnership, founded in Nijni-Novgorod, in Russia, in 1895. The income is constituted in part of thousands of shares in the Royal Dutch Co. and the Shell Transport Co. Mr. Beylin asserts that neither he nor the other persons entitled to part of the income from the partnership have been informed of their rights and that such monies as are due the plaintiff must be considered to be held in trust for him by Mr. Polak. Mr. Beylin therefore petitioned the Court to order the defendant that he submit accounts of his income from the partnership dating back to 1896.

For Services

The partnership was founded by Mr. Grigory Abrahamovitch Polak, together with his sons Michael and Savell. Part of the firm's shares were to go to Rosalie, the third child in the family, and to her husband, Mr. Arkady Beylin, for the services he rendered the partnership. (Mr. Beylin and his wife Rosalie are the plaintiff's parents.)

When Mr. Grigory Polak and Mr. Arkady Beylin died in 1897, Michael and Savell took over the management of the firm, the written statement of claim alleges. The two brothers bought shares in another company in 1898 on behalf of the partnership and thus acquired interests in the Royal Dutch Co. and the Shell Transport Co.

It is charged that while managing the firm, the two brothers took possession of property that belonged by right to their father and to their sister and her husband. Michael and Savell left Russia in 1919 and both before and after their departure, it is alleged, failed to render account of the income of the partnership and the part due the other members. When Savell died in 1940, and Rosalie nine years later, Mr. Michael Polak became the sole survivor with control over the firm's assets.

The plaintiff's rights accrue to him as heir to his mother Rosalie and his father Arkady, as well as a result of his mother's rights to her father's estate. Dr. R. Gottschalk is appearing for the plaintiff.

Rutgers U. Seminar On Histadrut's Role

POST Correspondent

NEW YORK. — A second one-day seminar on the Histadrut's role in the development of Israel was held at Rutgers University last month. The seminar was sponsored by the the New Jersey State Federation of the A.F. of L., the New Jersey State Council of the C.I.O. and the New Jersey Committee for the Histadrut. The Rutgers University Institute of Management and Labour Relations cooperated in the planning of the seminar. Rutgers is the only American university which has run one of this kind.

The speakers included Mr. Yaacov Shimoni, Councellor to the Embassy in Washington, Mr. Joseph Schlossberg, chairman of the National Committee for Labour Israel, Mr. C.B. Sherman, research analyst of the Jewish Agency, and Mr. M. Eskolsky of the Histadrut's New York staff.

The seminar was run despite a jinx which seemed to be on it. First, Mr. Allan Haywood, the Executive Vice President of the C.I.O., who was to be the principal speaker, died a short while ago. Then Mr. Carl Holderman, President of the New Jersey State Council of the C.I.O., was hurt in an automobile accident and could not attend. Yet another speaker took ill, and finally, to crown everything, a girl attending the seminar suffered an appendicitis attack.

Hebrew U. Meeting Honours John Dewey

A pedagogical conference devoted to the memory of Professor John Dewey, the eminent American educator who died in 1952, was held recently under the auspices of the School of Education of the Hebrew University and the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Professor E. Rieger, who presided, described Dewey as a great educator to whom all teachers were indebted, whether or not his opinions and methods are accepted in their entirety.

Dr. B. Brenner, coordinator of the pedagogical courses in the Department of Basic Studies in the School of Education, then delivered a lecture on "John Dewey and Progressive Education." Professor E. Simon, Head of the Department of Secondary Education in the School of Education, followed with a lecture on "Dewey's Educational Philosophy."

'Orchestra' Youth Camp Makes Music in Hadera

A preliminary six-day 'Symphonic Orchestra' youth camp is being held in Hadera by Gadna in cooperation with the Ministry of Education. Some 120 boys and girls will spend the week practising various musical instruments.

During the summer a six-week camp will be held in which participants will be trained for concert performances. Those participating in the camp were accepted through the recommendations of their teachers and do not have to pay any fee.

Notice to the Public

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We hereby announce that the offices of the Authority for Enemy Property and the Custodian of German Property have moved to Kiryat Givat Ram, Jerusalem. P.O.B. 9th. Tel: 62351.
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Where to go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 2-6: Bezalel Museum: Exhibitions: Musical instruments; the collection of drawings by French modern artists; the illuminated Haggada from the Ethiopian century.
9.30-12.30: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Road, Entrance Free.
9-1; 2-5: Bezalel Museum, Exhibitions: Musical Instruments.
9-6: Archaeological Exhibitions, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-1; Sanhedria Tombs.
11.30-12.30: Film Show at Keren Hayesod.
11; 4-6: Jerusalem Artists' Spring Exhibition, Artists House.

TEL AVIV

8 p.m.: "Saint Joan," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi.
3-8 p.m.: J. Wexler's Exhibition of Paintings, Art Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi.
5.30: Joseph Buloff, Obel.
7.30 & 9.30 p.m.: Li-La-Lo, "Spring in Tel Aviv," Yuchi Heitem Hall.
10-1; 4-8: Exhibition of Yohanan Simon, Drawings; Chinese and Japanese Art, Museum.

HAIFA

10-1; 4-8: Memorial Exhibition, Menahem Shemi (Schmidt)'s Municipal Museum, Town Hall.

REHOVOT

8.30 p.m.: The Yugoslav Dancers, "Branko Krsmanovic" Group, Beth Ha'am.

EMERGENCY PHARMACY

Jerusalem: Mani, Mahne Yehuda, 3048. Herzl, Jaffa Rd., 3059.
TEL AVIV: Avramski, 42 Allenby, 3920. Mashenzon, 83 Ben Yehuda, 67481. Hyyam, 22 Hagdud Haivri, 62366. Brachs, 243 Dizengoff, 62367. Maccabi, New Maccabi Co., 67197. JAFFA: Reiss & Sel, 80211. RAMAT GAN: Lifshitz, 19 Herzl.
GIVATAYIM: Mesilosk, Borochov Qtr.
HAIFA: Ressport, 29 Herzl, 3596. Anglo-American, 39 Kingsway, 3585. KIRYAT MOTZKIN: Motzkin, 7202.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT YESTERDAY

Saimaa, Finland, loading citrus: Iago Carthos, Sweden, loading citrus: Rio Belen, Arg., unloading meat: Moderator, Panama, unloading flour: Atamaut, Isr., unloading lumber: Gavriel, Isr., waiting to unload: Ansverer, Norway, unloading fish: Dromit, Is., unloading lumber: Frisco, Panama, unloading wheat: Jerusalem, Is., waiting: Vesuvio, Italy, unloading: Adir, Is., unloading gen. cargo: Tamar, Is., unloading gen. cargo: Face, Italy, unloading gen. cargo: Negba, Is., unloading gen. cargo: Artza, Is., waiting: B. Feld, Is., loading cement: Nisit, Is., unloading bunns.

The following ships are waiting to unload: Hacl Baba, Turkey; Rapido, Italy; Donatello, Italy; Arizona Dimon, Greece; D. Borchard, Israel. Waiting to load citrus: Venetian, Britain; Kypros, Britain; Vikingland, Sweden.

SHIPS WHICH SAILED IN THE PAST 48 HOURS: Erik Bauck, Sweden; F. Grimani, Italy; Cezz, Turkey.

SHIPS EXPECTED: Aco, gen. cargo; Exermont, gen. cargo; Brita, gen. cargo; Broad, tourists.

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Management: Jaffa, Zifi Hall, April 5 at 8.30 p.m.
Horowitz-Nastovitz: Jerusalem, Y.M.C.A. Hall, at 7 & 9.15 p.m.
Artist: Tickets at Cahana's
Bromberg Technical Manager: Lydda, Thurs. April 9, at 8.45 & 9 p.m.
M. Lovia: Ramleh, Friday, April 10 at 8.30 p.m.

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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mount Carmel	99	13	19	16
Tiberias	94	17	—	24
Haifa Port	88	14	19	21
Nazareth	85	15	18	20
Hakirya	92	14	18	20
Tel Aviv Port	90	16	17	19
Lydda	92	14	18	21
Jerusalem	90	13	13	16
Beersheba	99	17	—	22
Eilat	99	17	18	24

FORECAST: Generally fair, with temporary increase in cloudiness.
A) Humidity at 1 p.m. B) Maximum temp. C) Minimum temp. expected today.

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CURRENCY IN circulation increased by IL.2,700,000 last week and reached IL.131,486,736,500, according to the weekly report of the issue department of Bank Leumi.

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The 32 immigrants who left Poland on March 25 are to sail for Israel from Venice today.

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POLICE ARE looking for two young men who have cheated several persons by substituting single dollar bills for $100 bills which are of similar appearance. Yesterday they got IL.1,760 from Yona Ravid of Ramat Gan for only $7 by first offering him $700 in seven bills and then substituting single dollar bills at the last moment.

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THE DRAWING of the 1948 War Loan lottery, second series (Mandate), will take place this morning at 9 a.m. at the Ohel Ehem Hall in Tel Aviv. At 9.45 a.m. a second lottery will take place — 1946 Mandate Bonds, fourth series. The public is invited.

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DOGS IN the Tel Aviv area may be injected against rabies on Fridays only from 8-11 in the morning at the Municipal slaughterhouse in Rehov Yehoshua Bin Nun.

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ONLY TWO Magistrates will be on duty during the Passover week: one will sit for civil claims and one in the criminal section.

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A VOLUME of Civil Service regulations has been published by the Civil Service Commission. It has been bound in such a way to allow the inclusion of new regulations as they appear. The price is IL.3.200.

New Gov't Accounting System in Operation

The new accounting system proposed by the State Controller went into effect yesterday in all Government offices with the beginning of the 1953/54 fiscal year.

The new system is based on independent accounting departments in each Ministry, responsible only to the Accountant General of the Finance Ministry. Each accounting department will be headed by a treasurer, to be appointed by the Accountant General in consultation with the Minister concerned.

Each Ministry will have a separate current account, to which the Accountant General will transfer sums according to the budget of the respective Ministry. The treasurer of the Ministry will make all payments on behalf of the Ministry, including salaries, from this account.

In a circular letter to all Ministries, the Accountant General describes the new system and also gives instructions regarding the use of services for which special Government departments exist, such as the Government Printer and the Public Works Department. Any services or commodities which can be provided by such departments will have to be procured through them alone and against cash payment.

Habeas Corpus Issued In Mission School Case

A writ of habeas corpus, calling on the Superintendant of Prisons to produce Dov Friedman in Court and await further instructions, was issued by the High Court this week.

Friedman has been in prison since March 20, following his refusal to carry out a judgment of the Rabbinical Court requiring him to take his son Haim out of the St. John's missionary school in Jerusalem, and return him to his mother Tova.

After his divorce in 1949 the applicant took custody of Haim. When Friedman put the boy into the school his former wife turned to the Rabbinical Courts. Arguing that the Rabbinical Courts had no jurisdiction in matters of custody of children, unless both parties agreed to be bound by their decision, Friedman ignored the judgment.

The applicant now argued in the High Court that the judgement had validity and that therefore he could not be imprisoned for failing to carry it out.

Dr. R. Weyl and Mr. J. Merguerian represented the applicant.

Women Prisoners Transferred to Ramle

Women prisoners heretofore kept at Jaffa Prison have been transferred to the Central Prison in Ramle, owing to the crowded conditions in Jaffa Prison. At Ramle Prison a completely separate section has been prepared for the women prisoners.

All the necessary construction, electrical and plumbing work was done by prisoners under the direction of the Prison Service. The new women's department will enable the Prison Service to carry out employment and rehabilitation projects under much improved hygienic and social conditions.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Eggs, 9. Hat 9; temporary, 7; for expectant mothers, 8; 10. Poultry for expectant mothers 750 grams, 7. Potatoes 750 gr., Hak 30; temporary, 47. Bananas 250 gr., 29, 30, 47, 48; temporary, 33. Turkish or Netherlands fruit 150 gr., Mem 30; temporary, 53. Prunes herrings 100 gr., Mem 70; temp., 41. Poultry for Aleph: Bet 0 Ghimel cards: 250 gr. Vav 5th temporary, 33.

TEL AVIV: Eggs for invalids: Hei Aleph 1, Hei Bet 1, Hei Ghimel 13, 100 gr. Eggs for invalids: Hei Aleph 1; 6 Hei Bet 1; 9 Hei Ghimel 19; 8.

Large Crowds In Mt. Zion Pilgrimage

Jerusalem POST Reporter

Several thousand pilgrims began streaming into Jerusalem in the early hours of yesterday morning on their way to Mount Zion for the traditional Passover pilgrimage. They were greeted at the Jerusalem Railway Station with singing and with the music of the Police Band.

Throughout the day large numbers climbed the stone steps to David's tomb where prayers for peace were offered. Crowds climbed to the roof of the building to pray while overlooking the Old City and, despite the intermittent rain, traffic to Mount Zion remained heavy until nightfall.

Tourists and Floods in Negev

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — Beersheba was crowded with tourists today but movement to the south and the Dead Sea area was impeded by floods. The landing field at Eilat was under water and air reconnaissance reported that the road to Eilat was impassable as a number of wadis had overflowed.

Word came from Sedom that traffic to En-Geddi and Masada would be impossible for four or five days due to floods.

Ein Gev Concerts Cancelled for 2 Days

TIBERIAS, Wednesday. — Today's and tomorrow's concerts at the Ein Gev Musical Festival have been cancelled because of bad weather. Yesterday 2,400 persons attended the dance recital given by Harold Kreutzberg, despite the rain which penetrated the temporary roof over the hall.

ADOBE HOUSES ENDANGERED

EILAT, Wednesday (ITIM). — The new adobe houses built here by Solel Boneh are threatened with collapse owing to the incessant rains during the past 12 hours. The tenants of one house where the threat appears to be acute, have already been evacuated.

Solel Boneh has started on immediate repairs.

Eilat's Budget Approved Cheaper Petrol Wanted

EILAT, Wednesday (ITIM). — An ordinary budget of IL.24,000 was passed by the Local Council this week and approved by the Ministry of the Interior.

The Council decided to ask the Government to reduce the price of petrol in Eilat. A litre of petrol here costs 277 pruta, as against 163 elsewhere. Similar differences exist for the cost of kerosene and solar oil.

The council also decided to devote funds to the improvement of the lone hotel here.

FLIES TO LONDON TO FETCH CHILDREN

Mrs. Abraham Cassel, head of the Women's Division of the Bond Drive in Miami, who has been spending some weeks in Israel, flew to London on Monday to collect her three children, who, with their governess, were stranded here when it was found that they had no Israel visas.

Eshed Will Insist on Higher Fares, Object to Gov't in Management

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Eshed bus cooperative, which also speaks for Dan, has decided to demand an increase in fares immediately and then continue negotiations over the details of the agreement with the Ministry of Communications.

A spokesman reiterated to *The Post* today that the cooperatives did not object to the principle of the agreement which provides mainly for improved services. They did, however, object to several clauses in it which he could not disclose.

An Eshed-Dan meeting is to decide tomorrow on a course of action and will seek Histadrut support.

A Ministry of Communications source revealed that the cooperatives were reluctant to allow the Ministry the measure of control demanded over the company's affairs.

Eshed objects to the participation of Ministry officials in the meetings of its maintenance and traffic committees. The cooperative also objects to the Ministry's demand that Eshed be restricted in the free use of the special fund for depreciation provided for in the agreement. Government control of the fund meant that the cooperative would not be allowed to purchase new vehicles without permission, the source admitted.

The Government's complete control of the special fund for building new bus stations and other installations is also resented by the cooperatives.

First Lesson

A taxi driver leaving his home in Rehov Keren Kayemet in Jerusalem yesterday morning found a nine year-old lad searching for something under the driver's seat of his car.

The boy said that two friends, aged 12 and 13, had wanted to find out whether he would be a good thief, and that this was his first lesson.

The two "instructors" denied the story and were sent home.

STATE BANK

Mr. David Horowitz, former Director-General of the Treasury, has begun preparations for the establishment of the Government Bank, which he will head. He has accordingly given up the directorships he held in various companies.

Tel Aviv Firemen Win Band Contest

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Firemen of the Tel Aviv, Haifa, Natanya, and Hadera volunteer brigades showed their musical prowess in a contest of their four bands at the Orah Cinema here this afternoon. The Tel Aviv band emerged as the winner. The Mayor, Government, Army and police officers and a delighted audience listened to the four bands vie for the Mayor's cup with a popular programme of marches and waltzes, wielding their brass with gusto and determination.

The jury which was presided over by District Court Judge Dr. M. Landau, an amateur musician, awarded the second prize (a cup of the Hadar Hacarmel Committee) to the Hadera band, and the third, a gift of Mr. Frank Levy, a rubber-hose manufacturer, to the Haifa band.

After the concert the bands paraded through Hadar Hacarmel, giving a musical demonstration of the volunteer brigades' esprit de corps. Fire engines were also paraded.

The contest is to become an annual Passover week feature.

4.5 Million Cases Shipped

Citrus exports for the current season reached 4,450,180 cases on Sunday, over half of which were shipped to Great Britain.

The shipments to the various countries were as follows: Great Britain: 2,202,588 cases of oranges, 528,646 of grapefruit, 173 of lemons; Holland: 243,169 of oranges, 60,845 of grapefruit; Belgium: 210,595 of oranges, 75,304 of grapefruit; Norway: 210,000 of oranges, 35,000 of grapefruit; Sweden: 179,082 of oranges, 19,633 of grapefruit; Finland: 145,008 of oranges, 14,992 of grapefruit; Denmark: 146,577 of oranges, 10,164 of grapefruit; U.S.S.R.: 141,453 of oranges; Ireland: 43,432 of oranges, 5,000 of grapefruit; Austria: 42,020 of oranges; Switzerland: 41,738 of grapefruit; Poland: 22,254 of oranges, 1,000 of grapefruit; France: 21,052 of grapefruit; Argentina: 16,000 of oranges, 30 of grapefruit; Yugoslavia: 12,997 of oranges, 3,789 of lemons; Bulgaria: 6,250 of oranges, 2,000 of grapefruit, 2,250 of lemons; American Forces in Germany: 230 of oranges, 3,961 of grapefruit; Rumania: 958 of oranges.

BOYS JAILED FOR LIFE FOR PATRICIDE

MONTREAL, Wednesday (Reuter).—Two boys who killed their father when he scolded them for keeping late hours were sentenced today to life imprisonment.

Robert Bedard, 16, and his brother, Yvon, 14, shot and killed their father, Paul a postal employee, and wounded their mother last October when they censured them for coming home at three in the morning.

Jordan Wants to Use Dead Sea Scrolls to Attract Tourists

The discovery of the remains of 77 Old Testament scrolls, including 38 original manuscripts, by Jordan Beduin at Khirbet Kimran, northwest of the Dead Sea, was described by Mr. Ahmed Saba, Director of the Jordan Tourist Centre, on Tuesday night.

The scrolls were found at a place known in ancient times as Assen, and where Beduin in 1947 found several Biblical scrolls which were later taken to America. The 38 manuscripts form 19 complete books of the Old Testament. The remaining scrolls consist of religious commentaries and theological studies written in Aramaic and Hebrew.

To forestall illegal digging and the smuggling of these valuable manuscripts abroad, the Jordan Government has placed special military guards in the district and has allocated 15,000 dinars to buy the manuscripts from the Beduin. During the past few weeks the Jordan government has succeeded in purchasing four-fifths of the scrolls, while efforts are being made to trace the remaining fifth.

According to the Jordan spokesman, the following groups are involved in the digging operations on the site: the Jordan Department of Antiquities, the French School for Religious Studies, the Palestine Archaeological Museum, and the American School for Oriental Research. At the beginning of the operations, the diggers were helped by an excavation unit of the Arab Legion. The diggers have so far completed a thorough search of over 40 caves from which a large number of earthen jars containing small parts of manuscripts were extracted. The findings also include two copper containers on which Aramaic writing is inlaid.

The main difficulty faced by the diggers is that the copper of the two containers has been eaten away by rust to such a degree that the slightest touch is liable to disintegrate it. The three Dominican fathers who are still studying the fragments of the manuscripts found in 1947 will, upon the conclusion of their present work, turn their full attention to the new findings.

Meanwhile the Jordan Government expects the arrival in the near future of an international delegation of theologians who will speed up the translation and publication of the findings. The discoveries will be put on view at the Jordan Museum in Amman and at the Palestine Archaeological (Rockefeller) Museum.

Mr. Saba stated that it was believed that the village at the ruins of which the new findings were made was destroyed 2,000 years ago by the Romans and that its inhabitants had hidden the holy books in these caves after carefully wrapping part of them in cloth, putting others into earthen or copper pots.

Asked by correspondents why he, the Director of the Jordan Tourist Office, was revealing the news of this discovery, Mr. Saba replied that the Jordan Government placed great hopes on the arrival of archaeologists, theological scholars and great numbers of tourists as a result of the discovery.

DEATH OF AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE EMPLOYEE

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — A 41-year-old administrative employee of the American Central Intelligence Agency, James Kronthal, was found dead in his home here yesterday. A police officer said that suicide was likely.

A C.I.A. spokesman declined to go into details about Mr. Kronthal's work. He would not say whether he handled matters dealing with national security.

OVER 4,000 pilgrims have arrived in the Old City of Jerusalem and Bethlehem to take part in Easter celebrations.

COLD WATER

A youth of about 20 who found the hamsin on Passover day too much for him, entered the Mahane Yehuda police station in Jerusalem, and asked for drinking water.

Nonchalantly he asked the police why all the stores were closed and they in return inquired of his residency.

"I'm from the Old City," the youth said. "I've come across many times and now I'd like to go to Jaffa."

Instead the infiltrator was detained for investigation.

Two Arabs Detained In Zippori Village Murder

TIBERIAS, Wednesday. — Afula Police today continued their investigation of the murder of Marcel and Helena Feder, who were shot dead in their home at Zippori on Monday night.

Jewish and Arab residents of neighbouring settlements were questioned today and two Arab suspects were detained. Both live in a neighbouring village and had bought various articles in the store, in Zippori in which the murdered couple were employed, on the day of the murder.

Wadi Ara Case Reopens

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The preliminary enquiry into the Wadi Ara incident in which two Arab residents were killed and five wounded last June, was reopened here before Magistrate Dr. K. Bach today.

The League for the Rights of Man and the Citizen is demanding that "those responsible for the shooting" be brought to trial on a murder charge. The enquiry was delayed because the Chief Magistrate who was hearing the case had resigned.

Mr. R. Nochemovsky, counsel for the League, asked the Court to continue the enquiry where it was left off and not start anew. He had written to the Minister of Justice in February asking him to appoint a representative of the State Attorney as prosecutor in the case.

The demand was based on the Minister's speech in the Knesset in the general debate on the incident last August in which he said that the Government was not sure whether those who caused the death of citizens were not guilty from a criminal point of view, and that if a citizen was killed an investigation by those appointed by the law was called for.

Dr. Bach announced that he would decide on April 19 whether to continue the hearing of the case or restart it and whether the Attorney General had the legal right to appear in the case.

Brandeis Vocational School to Move

The Brandeis Vocational School's fine mechanics and printing workshops will be moved to new quarters in Romema in August after the end of the school year, Dr. T. Gladstein, principal, disclosed at a press conference yesterday.

At present there are 70 students taking four-year courses in the two trades. Pupils are accepted after the age of 14. After the second year the students receive pay for their work.

The new premises will provide the latest printing equipment and will, at a later date, begin a course in zincography.

Mrs. Ethel Agron, Chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, introduced Dr. Gladstein. She explained Hadassah's role in the Brandeis School and stressed the organization's interest in urging youth to enter the mechanics and printing trades.

Dr. A. Porath, member of the Advisory Committee, presented figures on industry and production in Jerusalem.

An exhibition of the students' work was displayed and will be open to the public for several weeks.

British Scientists To Lecture Here

Three British scientists are to lecture in Israel during April under the auspices of the British Council.

Dr. C.H. Andrews, F.R.S., an authority on virus diseases and Deputy Director of the World Influenza Centre will lecture on "Influenza" in Jerusalem on April 12 and on "Common Cold" in Tel Aviv on April 13.

Prof. J.W. Cook, F.R.S., of Glasgow University, will give two lectures at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot on April 13 and 15.

Miss Margaret Digby is to stay in Israel from April 19 to May 1 and will give three lectures at the Hebrew University (whose guest she will be) on the co-operative movement, and possibly lecture also in Tel Aviv and Haifa. Miss Digby is secretary of the Year Book of Agricultural Cooperation and a member of Advisory Committee on Cooperation at the Colonial Office and the International Labour Organization.

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Arab League to Drop Boycott of Cyprus

By Shabe Gueberiian
POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Wednesday. — Brigadier Achmed Mansour, director of the Arab League's Israel Boycott movement, promised Cyprus trade delegates in Cairo last week that he would recommend the League to withdraw its resolution to boycott Cyprus goods.

This was stated today by the returning delegates who said they were authorized by Mansour to make a public statement on the subject.

The boycott had already been declared by Saudi Arabia and Iraq while other Arab states showed their willingness at the League's meeting on March 16 to join the anti-Cyprus crusade.

The boycotters allege that Cyprus was unduly favouring trade with Israel and was being used as a smuggling centre for goods from Israel going into the Arab states and vice versa.

The Cyprus delegates, who also met Abdul Halek Hassuna, Secretary General of the League, said that they had been able to assure the League that such allegations were entirely unfounded. On this assurance, the League leaders promised to call off the boycott.

Turks Thank Israel

The Turkish Minister to Israel, Mr. Sefkati Istinyeli, called on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett on Monday in order to express the thanks of the Turkish Government for Israel's aid to Turkish earthquake victims.

In Ankara, the Israel Chargé d'Affaires likewise received a letter of thanks from Mr. Reshat Belger, President of the Turkish Red Crescent and Constantinople representative in the National Assembly.

100 Families Reunited As Repatriation Scheme Ends

Seven hundred applications from Arabs across the border have been received under the scheme for reuniting families which ended on Tuesday. Of these, 200 have been approved and 100 families reunited. The remaining 500 applications will be studied by the Ministry of Interior within the next two months.

The refugees come mainly from the Lebanon and Jordan, as Syria and Egypt are not cooperating in the scheme. It is not believed likely that the deadline will be extended as all those who wished to take advantage of the scheme had ample time to do so.

Ex-Mufti Expected in Amman, Hoover to Prepare Dulles Visit

A strong hint that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem is to visit Amman was given by yesterday's "Falastin" which wrote of next week's visit to the Jordan capital of a "An unofficial Arab personality of the utmost importance," a common way of referring to Haj Amin el Husseini in Jordan where his name is censored.

"Falastin" said that the visit had been arranged after a series of telephone conversations between the Jordan and Egyptian Governments.

The ex-Mufti has been prohibited from entering Jordan since 1948. The murderers of King Abdullah were charged with maintaining contact with him.

Also expected in Amman next week, according to a leading Government source, is Mr. Herbert Hoover, a former American President. "Falastin" said that Mr. Hoover will hold talks with Government officials preparatory to next month's visit by Secretary of State Foster Dulles.

Contradictory reports have come from Cairo as to progress in the Arab League's Political Committee debate on the boycott of West Germany. ANA reported that the Committee has decided to withdraw its decision to impose the boycott while NEABS said that the matter has not yet been finally decided.

The ANA report, carried by the Amman press yesterday, said that the Committee had received merely to issue a statement to the effect that West Germany, by sending reparation goods to Israel would be "totally destroying the Arab boycott of Israel."

Egypt has meanwhile asked the Foreign Ministers of all League member states to meet in Cairo on Saturday for a session of the full Council of the League. The Council has to confirm all decisions of the Political Committee and may be delayed while the Committee finishes its agenda.

The Council's agenda is to include general Middle East affairs, in connection with the visit of Mr. Dulles, and the evacuation of the Suez Canal zone as well as relations with West Germany, NEABS said last night.

The Council meeting will probably be followed by the long-overdue meeting of the Arab Commanders-in-Chief and the four Arab Mixed Armistice Commission delegations.

Hussein Returning For Coronation

AMMAN, Wednesday (AP).-King Hussein, who has been in school in England and has attended the funeral of Queen Mary, will arrive at Mafrak airport April 6 for his coronation, it was officially announced today.

The King will be accompanied to Amman by the Premier. Twenty-one salvoes will announce his arrival. The Coronation date is May 2.

GENERAL GLUBB

General John Glubb, British commander of the Jordan Arab Legion, toured the armistice lines in the Triangle area for the second time within the last month, "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reported yesterday.

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Christie Remanded By London Court

LONDON, Wednesday (AP).—An owl-eyed clerk accused of murdering his wife and under questioning about the sex strangling of five other women, appeared briefly in a crowded court today. He was remanded in custody for another week.

Gaunt, 55-year-old John Christie seemed nonchalant—even bored—with the eight-minute proceedings in the Magistrate's Court. The prisoner was guarded heavily by police and detectives.

Outside the Court, a crowd strained against police lines or queued for the few available public seats in the courtroom. Housewives carrying shopping bags and holding on to children jostled for better views. Extra police were on duty both inside and outside the Court. There was a mad rush for seats when the courtroom doors opened. Scores of others filled the windows of nearby homes and apartments craning for a view of Christie's coming and going.

Christie made no statement. He stepped briskly into the dock when his name was called. The police applied for a remand, requesting more time to probe into Christie's past and grill him further about the mass "Murder House" slaying in London's drab Notting Hill Gate district.

Christie was picked up by a policeman yesterday in suburban Putney, about five miles from the macabre murder house where the bodies were discovered boarded up or buried in the backyard. He had been a tenant in the house since 1938 but dropped out of sight eight days ago. Christie, a war-time policeman, offered no resistance and meekly went along to the police station where he later was charged with murdering his 54-year old wife, Ethel. For seven days, Scotland Yard and police had scoured the country for him in one of Britain's biggest manhunts.

Nehru Safeguards Heads of Subjects

SINGKALING, Burma, Wednesday (Reuter). — A wild Naga chieftain here has promised to pay compensation for a head-hunting raid by his men on a village on the Indian side of the frontier.

He told Indian Prime Minister Nehru yesterday that his tribe would never head-hunt again.

The Nagas collected 90 heads in the raid two years ago.

The chieftain of Ponnyo, on Burma's northwest frontier, told Mr. Nehru he would pay the relatives of the dead the equivalent of 15,000 rupees (£1,125) in kind. Halfnaked, he bowed before the Premier and presented him with an ornamented spear and colourful Naga headgear.

The chieftain of Tsawlaw, leader of another head-hunting tribe, and his lieutenants touched a tiger's tooth and chewed a bit of their ancestors' bones in an oath never to wage war again.

Two thousand Nagas, wearing ornamental headgear with hornbill feathers and rows of beads, greeted Mr. Nehru with primitive cries when he arrived here with the Burmese Prime Minister U Nu for a joint tour of tribal areas on the Burmese side of the frontier.

THE TRAINING BRANCH of the Civil Service Commission has published a Hebrew translation of a book on training methods by Mr. P. Tickner, head of the training division of the British Treasury.

Cables in Brief

BRITAIN. — Britain ended the financial year yesterday with an £80m. surplus on day-to-day spending and earning. But there was a deficit of nearly £400m. when capital investment costs, such as building of houses, is taken into account.

THOREZ. — The Tripartite Traffic Office in Bonn has asked the British Embassy in Moscow to grant German transit visas for Maurice Thorez, French Communist leader, who has been undergoing medical treatment in Russia, his wife, Jeannette Vermeersch, and Laurent Casanova, both prominent French Communists.

TRADE. — France and Argentina have signed an agreement whereby the former is to send iron and steel products in exchange for Argentine wool, hides and farm products to an estimated amount of 312m.

WINDSOR. — The Duke of Windsor, who came to Britain three weeks ago to be with Queen Mary during her last illness, sailed for New York last night in the Queen Elizabeth.

SHIP. — A 23,000-ton passenger ship designed for the trans-Atlantic service of the Greek Line will be launched at the Alexander Stephen yard on the Clyde. It was announced in London yesterday. It will be the largest vessel ever to be built for Greece and will incorporate new ideas in tourist comfort.

Triplets Born To Grandmother of 48

BRIGHTON, England, Wednesday (Reuter).—A grandmother, Mrs. Ivy Spencer, aged 48, gave birth to triplets here last night.

A gyneacologist said "It is about 100,000 to one against any woman having triplets; what the chances are of having triplets at 48 I really do not know."

One of the triplets—all girls—was stillborn. The other two weighed 1.6 kg. and 1.9 kg.

ONE TON OF NICKEL

LONDON, Wednesday (INA). — Israel is to receive only one ton of nickel, according to the allocations recommendations of the recent International Materials Conference held in Washington, it was announced here today.

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Insurance Funds	812,679	Cash on Hand and in Banks	272,657
Pending Claims, Creditors and Payments in advance	233,843	Outstanding Premiums, Insurance Companies, Sundry Debtors	118,246
Deposits, Re-Insurance	421,889		
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be convened and held at the registered offices of the Company, 13 Rehov Ahad Haam Tel Aviv, on Sunday, the 26th day of April, 1953, at 4 p.m. for the purpose of considering the following resolution, and if found satisfactory to pass it as a Special Resolution:

To increase the capital of the Company by IL.100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Israel Pounds) over and above the registered capital of IL.400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Israel Pounds) by the creation of 20,000 (Twenty Thousand) "A" Ordinary Shares of IL.5 (Five Israel Pounds) each which shares shall have in all respects the same rights as the rights of the existing Ordinary Shares but subject to the following modifications:

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In the event of there being no quorum within half-an-hour after the time fixed for the Meeting, the Meeting shall be adjourned for Sunday, the 3rd day of MAY 1953, to the same place and the same hour, and any number of members present shall form a quorum pursuant to Article 60 of the Articles of Association of the Company.

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IT is with a real, if cautious, sense of relief that the world has lately been hearing talk of peace rather than of war. The signs from Moscow, and now from Peking, have appeared like flickering lamps of goodwill against an international horizon which had grown darker with each successive year since the end of the last World War. It is difficult at this stage to judge the motives of those who have set up the beckoning lamps, or to hope that, even if the motives are creditable, the lights will shine clearly through the fog of mutual suspicion that hangs between East and West. At the same time it would obviously be unwise to reject out of hand the apparent messages of peace, especially as they have been given slender but hopeful substance in Korea, where armistice talks will be resumed on a somewhat promising basis, and in U.N., where the representative of the Soviet and those of the Western Powers have reached agreement over the appointment of a new Secretary General in succession to Mr. Trygve Lie.

FAIR TEST

It would be logical, in present circumstances, for Moscow to seek a lessening of tension and even a working arrangement between the Communist and the non-Communist world. This, from all accounts, was the conclusion arrived at by Mr. Dulles and M. Bidault during consultations at the State Department last Friday, when it is understood that the U.S. Secretary of State, whilst urging caution, agreed with the French Foreign Secretary that the West should be ready to act if the new Russian leaders gave evidence of a desire for genuine understanding with the free world. Much the same attitude has been taken in London, where, however, caution is less vigourously emphasized and the opportunity perhaps more hopefully considered, at least where it affects Korea and the Far East.

If we cannot know all the motives behind Soviet Russia's latest peace moves, we can at least pick out and consider those which are obvious. In the first place, it is generally agreed that the new rulers in the Kremlin must now pay less attention to the expansion of Soviet influence and more to the consolidation of the vast area ruled directly or indirectly from Moscow. In the Soviet Union itself, it would appear that the process of consolidating the revolution is not yet complete. The need to complete it, economically, socially and perhaps intellectually, may have become of pressing urgency with the removal of Stalin, whose shadow stretched to the furthest corner of the Soviet empire. The Kremlin's decision to make life easier for the Soviet people by decreeing a remarkable cut in the cost of living, may be a step towards this end. At the same time it is clear that Moscow desires a "creative pause" in order to strengthen the bonds which hold China and the satellite countries of East Europe to the Soviet system.

In this fact there is, of course, room for the argument that consolidation of a Communist empire stretching from Berlin to Canton must ultimately be of grave disadvantage to the West. It will be said, within the scope of this argument, that the Russians want a period of international tranquility in order to build up their industry to the level where it would be able to sustain world war against the industrially powerful West. On the other hand, it is probably true that Western Europe, now stretched to its military and industrial limits, is in sore need for a "creative pause" and could profit from it; and that, indeed, the whole world is in need of a period of tranquility in which to work towards an equilibrium based on something better and surer than armaments. It would be idle to put too much reliance on the conciliatory signs from Moscow. It would be a betrayal of the hopes and prayers of hundreds of millions of people to reject them without fair test.

France Cuts Imports To Stem Gold Exit

PARIS, Wednesday (UP) — France embarked today on a mild austerity programme, with a slash in food and raw material imports aimed at halting the nation's slide towards bankruptcy.

Minister of the Economy Robert Buron announced that imports during the next six months would be reduced by some $80m. The urgency of the measure was underlined by the disclosure that France lost a further $20m. in gold in West European trade last month.

POLITICAL POLICE COMPLETE SERIES OF ROUND-UPS

Opposition Crippled in Spain

By RICHARD MOWRER

MADRID. — OPPOSITION elements in Spain, most of them anti-Communist as well as anti-Franco, have been dealt a crippling blow by the political police. Since last October a wide assortment of opponents of the regime have been rounded up in a series of operations which culminated recently with the arrest of a Socialist group in Madrid whose leader, according to the police, took his own life while in detention.

There is no evidence that the crackdown was set in motion by discovery of a plot to overthrow the government. The Franco regime is well in the saddle and would appear to have nothing to fear from the clandestine groups within Spain whose main concern in recent years has been simply to keep their organizations alive. But the government is taking no chances, and never has. Since the beginning of the Franco era 13 years ago its policy has been to crush all opposition without distinction, and the crushing goes on. The fact of Spain's ever-closer association with the Western democracies, by way of membership in UNESCO and the negotiation of accords with the U.S., has not changed this policy and there is no sign that it will.

Articles 12 and 18 of the Fuero de los Espanoles, the Spanish Bill of Rights which was drawn up and approved by the present government in 1945 provide for freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. But to exercise these rights is unlawful.

Elastic Code

According to the Spanish criminal code no person may be held in detention more than 48 hours unless charges have been preferred against him. But "special legislation" enables the authorities to by-pass this restriction and persons may be held "for further questioning" indefinitely. A year ago Minister of Justice Don Antonio Iturmendi had this to say about "special legislation":

> It was born of exceptional circumstances (the civil war and aftermath). It is temporary and will disappear when the causes which motivated it disappear; how and when will be determined by circumstances.

Meanwhile an undetermined number of Anarchists, Socialists, Basque separatists, Communists and one known Monarchist figure in the arrests and trials which have marked the past six months. All of the people arrested are, in different ways, opponents of the regime. In 1949 Monarchist elements, the Socialist party, and the National Confederation of Workers (C.N.T. — Anarchist trade union) combined to form an underground alliance against the regime. This alliance is the Committee of Interior Coordination (C.I.C.). Two years ago the police cracked down hard on the C.I.C. and it looked as if the underground organization had been broken.

But last fall the police noticed that illegal pamphlets were being surreptitiously circulated in Barcelona. These pamphlets charged the government with corruption and closed with the rallying cry:

While mercilessly rounding up Monarchists opposing his regime, General Franco, his entire Government and members of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps, attended the Quincentenary celebrations held in honour of the Catholic sovereigns Ferdinand and Isabella, whose marriage joined the crowns of Aragon and Castille and laid the foundation of Spain's national unity and imperial power. The royal pair extended their power in 1492 by the conquest of Granada from the Moors, and by their decision to equip Columbus for his voyage of discovery. Franco carries the sword used by King Ferdinand against the Moors, as he leads the procession to the Monarchs' tomb in the cathedral at Granada.
Express Photo

> "Spaniards! The hour has come to strike the first blow against the usurpers of our civic rights and against those responsible for the economic bankruptcy which threatens us. Prepare for the peaceful demonstration which we will call."

Socialists Arrested

Ten or more C.N.T. Anarchists and members of the C.I.C. were tracked down and arrested as "enemies of the State." In December Pardo Andrade, a monarchist alleged to be secretary-general of the C.I.C. was arrested, along with a C.N.T. representative. Others in liaison positions with the C.I.C. were eventually caught, and the police, it is believed, were able to strike at what remained of coordinated non-Communist opposition in Spain.

The big blow, from which the C.I.C. may not recover, fell last February in Madrid and was followed up in Barcelona, Valencia and Bilbao. All the people picked up were Socialists. Police operations against political suspects are not publicized here and several days passed before the news leaked out. Even now it is not known whether the arrests total 50 or 250 persons. What is known is that one of the detainees died while in detention. This man, Tomas Centeno Sierra is said to have been chairman of the executive of the Socialist party and a top member of the Madrid branch of C.I.C. According to the unofficial version of what happened he and some associates were arrested one night during a clandestine meeting in the working district of Vallecas as they were preparing the distribution of funds received from abroad to needy relatives of political prisoners. Several days later an official version of the Centeno affair was published in the press to the effect that the prisoner had received great sums of money from abroad, that he had mis-appropriated much of it, and that he took his own life, using for the purpose a wire spring from his mattress.

Soon 16 prominent members of the community of Vitoria in northern Spain will be coming up for trial. These people had hung out Basque independence flags on July 19, 1946 during an international ceremony in the city. They are charged with fostering anti-government propaganda. Basque nationalists, as far as is known, do not figure in the C.I.C. alliance.

Communists Negligible

And the Communists? This month 38 members of the P.S.U.C. (Unified Socialist Party of Catalonia, a Communist-dominated organization) were tried before a military tribunal in Barcelona charged with carrying on anti-government propaganda. Some were released on probation, others received sentences ranging from one to 15 years.

In general Communist activity in Spain has not been of a sensational nature. Their strength here is a matter of conjecture. Foreign observers doubt that it amounts to much but they concede the existence of a Communist hard-core. In this connection it is perhaps significant that at the time of Stalin's death no paper here was permitted to publish pictures of the dictator or of his successor. Foreign publications carrying photographs of Stalin and the Soviet Unions top men were seized. Most people here don't know what Malenkov looks like.

HIGH COURT RULES ON LAWS' VALIDITY

The Case of Mustafa's Identity Card

POST Legal Correspondent

THE panel of three High Court Justices which heard the application of Mustafa Bad'r, of Mazra'a (north of Acre), against the Minister of Interior, who had refused to issue him with an identity card, was considerably non-pluased by the meaning of the laws it had to apply. So much so, that after the three Justices split into majority and minority opinions, two others were asked to join the panel. After due deliberation, the two supported the dissenting opinion on certain issues and overruled the original majority.

The applicant is a Palestinian by birth and residence. When the Acre district was conquered by Israel forces during the War of Independence in 1948, he was imprisoned and later released. After being given the choice in March, 1949, of leaving or staying, he returned to his parents' home near Acre. Bad'r, claimed that shortly afterwards he was arrested and deported. He returned immediately, only to be again expelled. Government officials allege, over his protest, that Bad'r then stayed in the Lebanon at the residence of his wife and children for two years. It is not disputed, however, that he was in Israel again in July, 1951, and applied for an identity card. In the course of the cat-and-mouse play between the applicant and Government officials, three deportation orders were issued, two of which were beyond the shadow of a doubt invalid. The third was issued in November, 1952, under the Immigration Ordinance of 1941 and formed the centre of the legal controversy.

Two Laws

The issue would not have received the undivided attention of five Justices and have become a case of signal interest, but for a piece of unfortunate draftsmanship. According to section 18 of the Entry to Israel Law, 1952, which deals with the area until now covered by the Immigration Ordinance, the new legislation was to apply only to persons who entered the country after it had come into force (September 1952). All persons who arrived before that date were to be treated "as if the Entry to Israel Law had not been passed." This means that such persons would continue to be subject to former (Mandatory) Immigration Ordinance. But as one passes on to section 19 of the Israel Law, the legislator's intention, fair and clear so far, suddenly becomes vested with perplexing ambiguity by a provision repealing that earlier Immigration Ordinances.

The question immediately arises whether one is to ignore section 18 and consider the old Ordinance repealed for all purposes — in which case no deportation order can be made under it; or, whether one is to disregard the authoritative language of section 19 and say that the Ordinance is not repealed with respect to those who came here before September 1952 — which would give validity to the third order issued against Bad'r.

Justice Halevi ruled that the Ordinance had not been completely repealed. In this view, the Justice, who was in the minority before the panel was enlarged, was joined by Justices Agranat and Sussman. He stated that when a law is passed to replace another, continuity is of paramount importance. There must be no vacuum. If, however, section 19 is taken at face value and the Ordinance is considered repealed for all purposes, then neither it nor the new law can be made to apply to persons who entered Israel before September 1952 — and this regardless of whether they did so legally or not. Justice Sussman also could not concede that with Israel's high rate of infiltration, the legislator could have intended to enter such immunities into the statute books.

Justice Agranat pointed out that repeal clauses must not always be taken literally. Since the Entry to Israel Law was passed later than the Immigration Ordinance, any provision in it contrary to the Mandatory legislation would supercede it — even if there were no express repealing clause. Provisions like section 19, Justice Agnast said in citing an English jurist, are sometimes added by the draftsman solely to give the legislator unversed in legal interpretation a general idea of what he is, in fact, asked to vote for. As long as there is no contradiction between the two laws, and when there is an express provision in the new law keeping intact part of the old, it need not be wiped out of existence completely.

Repeal Supported

The total repeal of the Ordinance, on the other hand, was championed by Justices Cheshin and Silberg. The former said that the language of the section was so absolute as not to allow for any qualification or limitation. The latter, in an analysis of section 18, said that its purpose was to exempt all those who had entered Israel before the law was passed and who had been forced to fulfil the requirements of the Immigration Ordinance, from applying again for papers under the new law. In stating that such persons are to be treated "as if the Entry to Israel Law had not been passed," the legislation also accords some sort of "amnesty" to those here on an illegal basis, the Justice stated. (This "amnesty" is by no means complete, for deportations can also be effected under the Defence Regulations, 1945).

So much for the strictly legal side of the picture. Three Justices decided that deportation orders can be issued under the Immigration Ordinance, since it is still in force with regard to people who entered Israel before September, 1952. Two Justices decided that such orders could not be issued because the Ordinance had lost all force.

Legal Hitch

But of far greater importance to the applicant was that two Justices of the majority — Agranat and Sussman — came to the conclusion that the order was nevertheless invalid because it had not met with the requirements of the old Immigration Ordinance under which it was issued. It was defective in that it had not been issued by the Minister of Defence, but by the military area commander. The Government could also not rely on the fact that the applicant had crossed the border into Israel without leave to do so, because the first deportation in 1949, before any of the three orders had been issued against the petitioner, had been illegal. He was therefore not obliged to secure permission to return.

Justice Halevi dissented from this, because he felt that by staying with his wife and children for two years, the applicant had severed all connection with Israel and become an infiltrator when he entered without Government approval.

When all was said and done, four Justices ruled in favour of voiding all three deportation orders and of giving Mustafa Bad'r his identity card.

Men and Things

THE 17 European nations who want to have a common market for their farm produce are calling it "green pool." The name is not entirely a happy one, for pools which are green are very often stagnant, and perhaps malarious. Whether because of this or some other reason, the proposal is not shaping very strongly. After holding a conference lasting five days they have only resolved to study the matter still further. This suggests that some, at least, of the member states must have been thinking over the risks of putting all their eggs in one basket. Coal and steel, of course, are so much less fragile.

The *practique* of agricultural economics, better known to most of us as putting the best tomatoes at the top of the box, is always at grips with the problem of "perishables." The principle of the perishable is of great service to distributors and retailers, for it enables them to fix a rate of profit which can only be called juicy. So far as farming is concerned, the golden rule is to have the perishing take place on someone else's premises; hence the speed at which flowers, milk, eggs and the rest are whisked from one place to another. Hence also the swiftly obliging way in which shopkeepers pack fruit into the shopper's bag rather than have him put to the trouble of handling it himself. Transactions like this can give rise to a richness of debate, so it is not surprising that 17 nations find it hard to form themselves into a supranational Tnuva. *W.I.E.*

BRITISH MOTOR IN MIG FIGHTER

By STEFAN ANDREWS

WASHINGTON, (NANA). — THE first Russian MIG-15 to fall intact into the West's hands confirms what U.S. intelligence officials have suspected all along — Russian jet planes are equipped with British Rolls-Royce engines. The plane is the MIG 15 which was flown to Denmark by a young Polish pilot after a sensational flight from Poland.

First evaluation reports received here on the plant have convinced American intelligence officers that the Russian-built MIGs are basically copies of earlier British and German planes.

The engine, they explained was of a type originally exported to Russia by the British in 1948. The Russians made some minor innovations in it and called it the V.K. 1.

While the Russians are still producing the MIG 15, the plane in Danish possession was reported by Air Force observers to be at least a three-year-old model.

It had no new features unknown to American Air Force Intelligence, at any rate, in the way of secret or radically new equipment. It was not Radar equipped, and did not have such things as Radar gunsights — now standard equipment for U.S. sabre-jets.

Its jet-ejection seat is said to be a copy of a German World War II type ejector. The Russian ejection seat, which catapults the pilot out of the plane in the event of an emergency, was described as considerably lighter than American-make seats.

The MIG's instrument panel also resembled those in German and British planes. It had the same type of altimeter, artificial horizon and mach meter found on Western planes. The Soviet plane did not appear to have any more armament than that usually put on American and British jet-fighters.

Readers' Letters

DISABILITY FUND

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—With reference to "Child T. B. Hospital Faces Closure" (*Jerusalem Post*, March 11), may we point out that the Histadrut Lung Diseases hospital is under the jurisdiction of the "Disability Fund" and is maintained by money contributed by its members.

This fund is concerned solely with Histadrut members and assumes no responsibility for other institutions such as, the Anti-T.B. League, Hadassah, etc.

In 1946, a plan was drawn up among the institutions for two T.B. hospitals, one in the hill region and one in the plains. Hadassah undertook to implement the former while Kupat Holim, the Anti-T.B. League and the Disability Fund were to be jointly responsible for the Kfar Saba project.

The hill region institution was not set up owing to conditions in Jerusalem; as for the scheme in the plains, we had to shoulder the burden alone because the Anti-T.B. League had already set up "Neveh On."

The Kfar Saba Hospital for Pulmonary Diseases will have a capacity of 400 beds (not 100 as stated by your correspondent), facilities for diagnosis and up-to-date treatment: a surgical department with operating rooms, X-ray apparatus, a spacious laboratory, occupational quarters, workshops and a dispensary.

This is the first time that a planned hospital for this type of disease is being set up in Israel.

The Kfar Saba Hospital has been planned to accommodate only adults and no provision has been made there for children. We have no details on hand about the closing down of "Timana'a" but it should be made clear that the Kfar Saba Hospital has no influence on the shutting down of the Anti-T.B. institution.

Yours etc.,
Dr. Y. KUT
Administrator, Disability Fund.
Tel Aviv, March 15

TO AVRAHAM HARTZFELD

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I read in the *Jerusalem Post* of March 17, that during the debate about the 1953/54 budget you were chiefly concerned about the *ma'barot*. You said that "their inhabitants could not be allowed to spend another winter in tents and canvas huts." As a new 'immigrant who still (after more than two years) lives in a canvas hut in a *ma'bara* lying between the hills and the sea I wish to express my deep gratitude to you. You have made most *ma'bara* dwellers feel that they are not completely forgotten and that some of our leaders are aware of the difficult circumstances under which we live and are trying hard to remedy them.

Yours, etc.,
BERA MASHIYA
Ma'bara David (A), March 20.

KEEPING POSTED

THE *Seder* has come and gone, the only religious festival that is kept almost as punctiliously by the non-orthodox as the orthodox. There is the inevitable argument that the Haggadah, the story of the Exodus, if not actually brought up to date, should be completed with the story of the new Return instead of so lightheartedly celebrating a victory over the ancient Egyptians that was, after all, nothing like even a half-way mark in persecution. We rather like the idea put forward that the Exodus from Egypt is all very fine, but what we need now is the exodus of the Egyptians.

ISRAEL is free, and 150,000 of its citizens living in the capital are privileged to say gratefully "Next year in Jerusalem rebuilt" instead of merely "Next year in Jerusalem," and there remains only the question that father can no longer buy a kid for two pruta, as the most popular of all Passover songs has it. The double meat ration of a little more than a quarter of a pound made no table groan, and there was no carp — an essential part of the menu. We asked some fish-breeding friends what had happened, and learned that swing to a sudden cold spell the young carp would not grow, and despite anxious fishing out for weighing, and last minute fattening rations, they failed to reach the minimum weight for marketing. Instead, there was the providential glut of bananas that suddenly went on sale in unheard-of quantities on the eve of the holiday. The general theory was that these were bananas which the Russians had at the last minute refused to buy as agreed; though this will scarcely be reckoned a friendly gesture by the people who struggle with our foreign exchange earnings, it gave the Russians a fleeting popularity here that became curiously linked in the public mind with the mass releases from Soviet prisons.

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AT least one Haifa family lost its Passover dinner at the eleventh hour on Monday. After much correspondence with friends in a near-by village the family received a gift of a large hen, beyond the laying stage, but plump. The housewife of this strictly orthodox home took the bird to the *shohet*, in due course received it back slaughtered, and paid her 150 pruta fee. As she turned to go the *shohet* said apologetically that he had an unfortunate little accident, the knife had slipped — he did not often get such large birds to kill nowadays — and he had damaged the hens neck, so now the carcass was not, strictly speaking, fit to eat. Happily, the family was in possession of a packet of Scrip soup and a tin of Scrip chicken, with the kosher label all quick and span, beyond all hazards of the *shohet's* knife.

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A FRIEND of ours had business at the Immigration office in Jerusalem just before Passover. He waited patiently in line for quite a while and when his turn came was curtly told to move over to a different queue at the other end of the room. When he reached the end of this line, after a total of two hours' waiting, the second clerk told him very politely that he was in the wrong office and told him where to go. (His information proved correct). Our friend asked indignantly why the first clerk had misdirected him so senselessly and was prepared to make quite a stir. The clerk answered, "Please don't be angry with him. He is one of the

people who received notice of dismissal this morning."

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A CORRESPONDENT writes that he was travelling up Mount Carmel in a bus, seated behind a Haifa Arab who was pointing out points of interest to a visitor. "We passed Herzl, Balfour and Arlosoroff streets and the visitor nodded, they were all familiar names. We came to Hess Street, and the visitor was bewildered — hadn't Hess been a Nazi big-shot? What was he doing in this company? The Haifaite was on the defensive, but his Zionist history failed him. He said airily, "Oh well, this was a long time before Hitler, you see."

Today's contributors include: J.A. Jerusalem and J. Hatshi and Y.F. Haifa.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from Thursday, April 2 until Sunday, April 5, the Army Recruiting Office in Jerusalem will be closed during its transfer to a new building. The new address will be:

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All persons invited to the Recruiting Office should now apply to the new address.

Y.M.C.A.

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April 3, 8.30 p.m.: Music to Inspire recorded programme with background of Kodachrome Slides of the Holy Land. Music: Stabat Mater by Verdi and Cantata No. 78, "Jesus, Thou My Wearied Spirit," by Bach.

April 4, 11 a.m.: Saturday Recorded Hour. Bach Motet No. 3, "Jesus, Dearest Master," and other sacred selections.

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NATURE NOTES — *Iron Curtain Starlings*

IN my district I have not yet seen starlings, I don't know why, and in Haifa—where in 1942 they covered every roof—there are not very many. But lower Galilee is full of them, flights of a few hundred rise everywhere, and sit on wires in twos and threes, bedraggled and disconsolate in the unceasing rain. I also saw some at their traditional work on the backs of sheep, busily feeding off the insects by which these unhappy quadrupeds are plagued. Soon the starlings will go home to Europe, where they will assume the glossy look absent in winter.

Starlings should not be confused, as sometimes happens, with male blackbirds which are here for the winter too. Except in size and colour there is no resemblance at all: starlings are rarely seen singly, blackbirds always. Starlings are slim, with slender, streamlined head and a long brown bill; blackbirds are much sturdier in build, with a thicker, shorter bill, bright yellow in colour. Starlings are shortlegged and usually walk with a comical waddle when on the ground; blackbirds have longer legs, and run very nimbly. Starlings are spotted and brownish-green rather than black; cock blackbirds (the hens are brown) are pure sooty black.

A friend took in a starling with a broken leg who learned to whistle the first bars of *Hatikva* and to say what she insists sounds like *shalom*. He has now been set free and doubtless flown back to Eastern Europe. *P. A.*

PERMITS FOR TRIPS

From now on any group of civilians planning trips around the country has to receive a permit from the Security Officer of the Ministry of Defence (No. 1 Rehov Beth, Hakirya).

Applications for permits should be made five weeks before the trip takes place. A special questionnaire obtainable from the above address should be attached to the application. Reception hours at the above office are from 10 a.m. — 12 noon.

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